(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) have reported that a total of 238 acres Gram Sabha land was allotted for setting up of six Gosadans in the year 1995 on Licence Deed basis. At the time of renewal of the Licence Deed in the month of January, 2005, the land allotted to two Gosadans has been reduced from 63 acres and 80 acres to 15 acres each respectively, based on the actual animals/shelters capacity of these Gosadans and the institutions were asked to vacate the remaining land as per orders of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi.

(b) Of these, one institution had expressed inability to run the Gosadan and accordingly infrastructure, animals and land have been taken over by the Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi w.e.f. 01.04.2005. The Licence Deed of the other institution has been renewed for a period of one year, in respect of 15 acres of land.

Status of Sonia Vihar Treatment Plant

3379. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant Project launched some months back;

(b) the names of various areas and zones supposed to be catered to by the plant;

(c) whether Dwarka Sub-city which is reeling under serious water crisis is a direct beneficiary of the proposed plant and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be fully operational?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that the Plant has been tested and trial run has already been done. Arrangement for supply of raw water for interim and long-term basis has been initiated.

(b) The Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant caters to East Delhi and South Delhi areas.

(c) and (d) At present Dwarka sub-city is supplied through Nangloi Water Treatment Plant. Water supply to this area is expected to improve with the commissioning of Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant on account of displacement of water from South Delhi. The commissioning of the Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant depends on the availability of raw water from Tehri Dam.

Wastage of drinking water

3380. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a wastage of about 40 percent of drinking water has been estimated in Delhi;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have prepared any plan to prevent this wastage of drinking water;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time schedule fixed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that sample surveys have indicated a high percentage of non-revenue water which includes components like physical losses due to leakages, operation losses at water treatment plants and distribution system. Unathorised usage and gratuitous supplies through Public Water Hydrants/Tankers to J.J. Clusters, unauthorised and other colonies.

(c) and (d) The DJB is taking the following measures to check loss of drinking water:—

(i) Regular checking of water transmission mains and recording the leakages at the Control Room/Water Emergencies set-up in each Zone, and attending to them promptly.